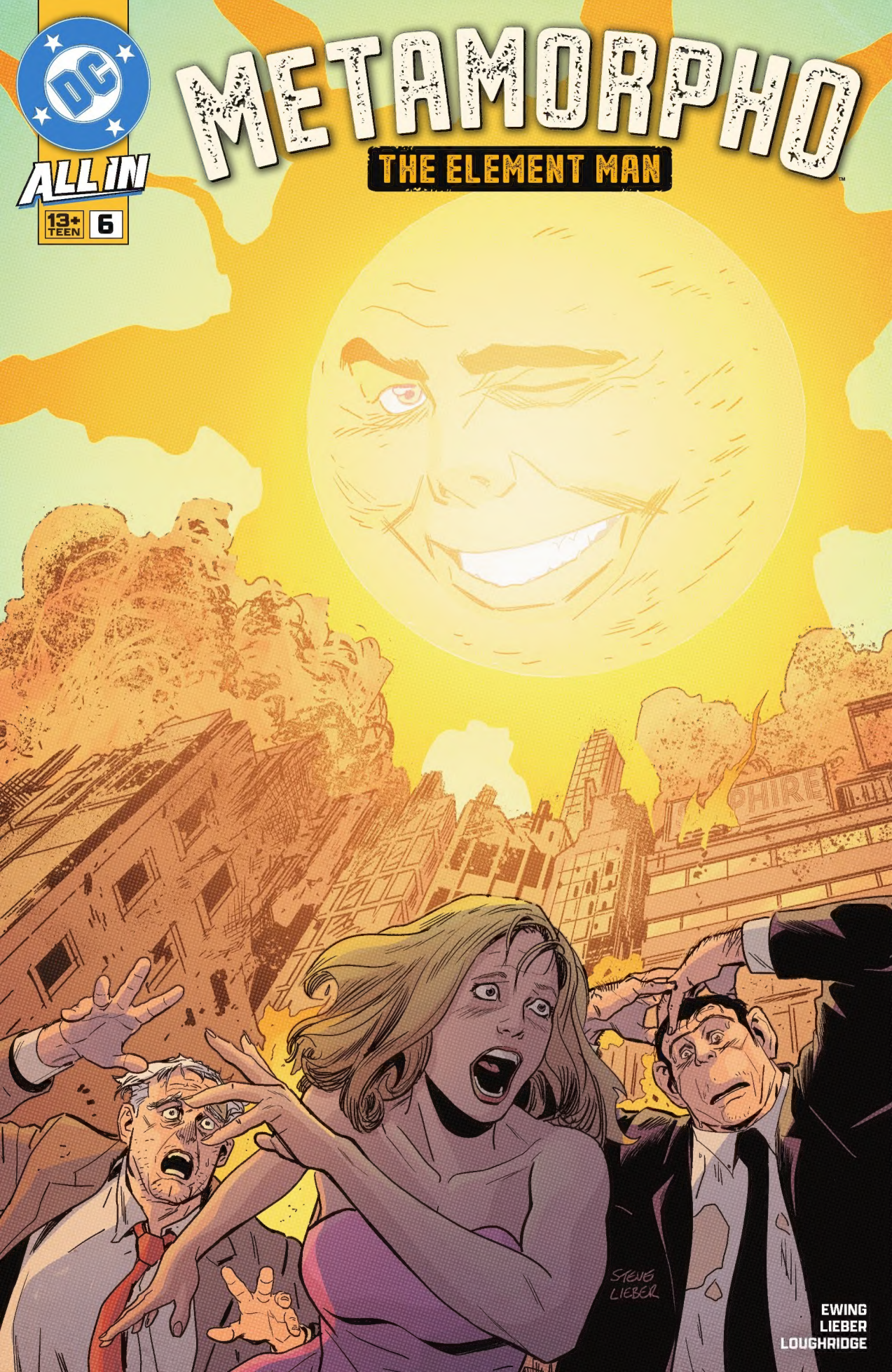
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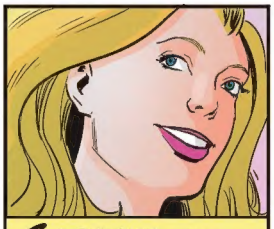
THE SECOND EPIC ARC BEGINS JUNE

Featuring:

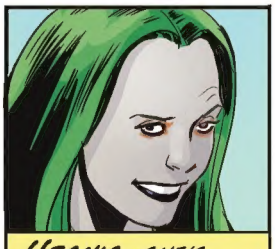
METAMORPHO--
HERO TO THE STARS!



SAPPHIRE--THE
STAR OF THE SHOW!

STAGGSY--
A FIVE-STAR FINK!

JAVA--BORN UNDER
AN UNLUCKY STAR!



URANIA--SHE'S
GOT STAR QUALITY!

AND HERE COMES
THE TYRANT STAR...
SOLARIS!

METAMORPHO
The ELEMENT MAN

CREATED BY BOB HANEY & RAMONA FRADON

METAMORPHO! YOU AND YOU ALONE MUST FACE...THE CHALLENGE OF THE RA-REALM!
AND MY MIND MASTERY FORESEES THAT UNLESS YOU CAN MAKE THE MOST WAY-OUT CHEMICAL CHANGE OF ALL...
...PLANET EARTH IS DOOMED!
ULP!
WE'VE HEARD YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, METAMANIACS!
"WHAT WAS THE START OF ISSUE #1 ABOUT," YOU'VE SOBBED! "WHO EVEN IS PRINCE RA-MAN," YOU'VE WEPT!
BUT YOUR PATIENCE IS ABOUT TO BE REWARDED--AND HOW!
WITH THAT SOLAR SUPER-VILLAIN SOLARIS NOW RULING THE SKY AS EARTH'S NEW SUN, THE ELEMENT MAN'S ONLY OPTION IS TO UNLEASH THE SECRETS OF THE SUN GODS UPON A FEARFUL HUMANITY...
...IN HIS OWN FAB, YVOORG, AND ULTRA-MARVY STYLE!

IT'S ALL IN THE TALE WE JUST HAD TO CALL...

SACRIFICE OF THE HERO SUN!

BUT DON'T TAKE **OUR** WORD FOR IT, ELEMENT FANS! SEE FOR YOURSELVES--AS SIMON STAGG'S **PERSONAL SPACE SHUTTLE** COUNTS DOWN ON A **LONELY LAUNCHPAD** OUTSIDE **JUMP CITY**...

...UNDER THE PITILESS GAZE OF THE **TYRANT SUN** HIMSELF!

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8...

7...

6...

IT'S **ONE SMALL STEP**...FOR THE **ELEMENT MAN!**

STAGG

STAGG

AND JUST **MAYBE**... ONE **LAST HOPE** FOR ALL HUMANKIND!

FIVE **SECONDS** TO GO... THEN IT'S **SMELL YA LATER** FOR **MAMA EARTH!**

ONLY THERE'S **NO SMELLS** IN SPACE... AND THERE **WON'T** BE A **LATER!**

THIS IS A **ONE-WAY TRIP**-- AND **SOLARIS** IS GONNA **PUNCH MY TICKET!**

I JUST WISH I'D HAD MORE **TIME**...TO SAY **ONE LAST GOODBYE** TO...

SAPPHIRE!

SAPPHIRE...?

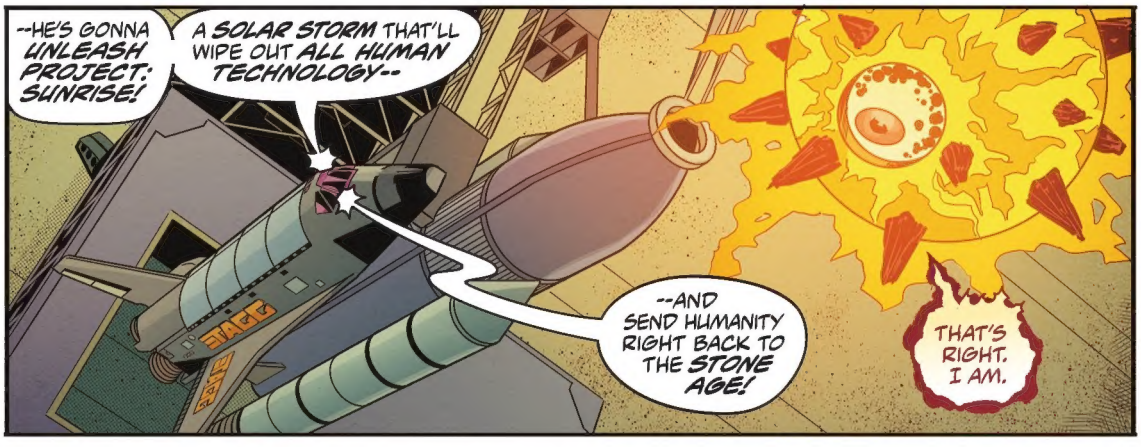
GET AWAY FROM THAT **MONITOR!**

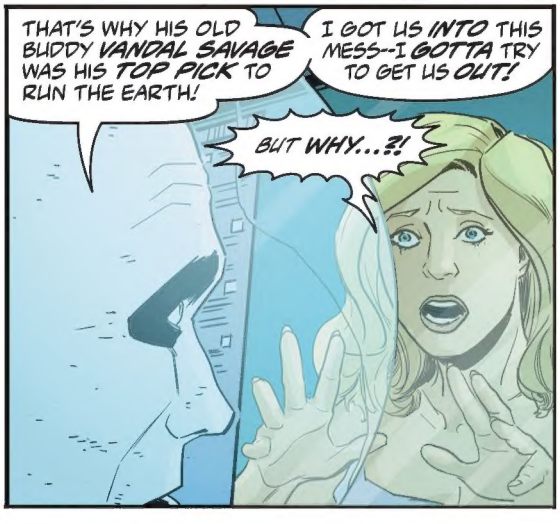
YOU'RE DELAYING THE **LAUNCH** WITH THIS TOMFOOLERY!

BUT DADDY-- I CAN'T LET HIM **DIE!**

NOT LIKE **THIS!**

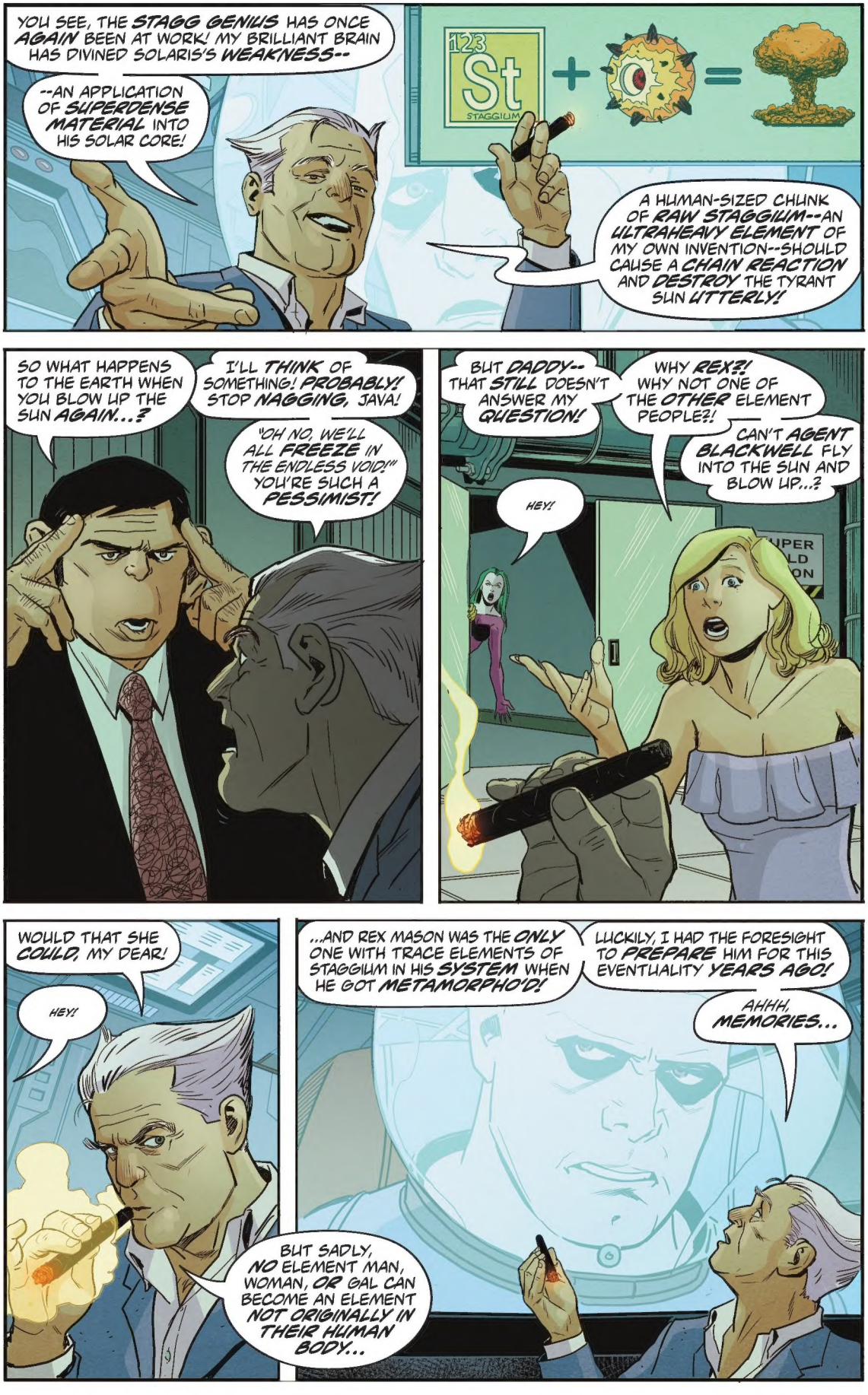
BE REASONABLE, SAPH-BABY!
WHEN I BOTCHED THE BIG BROUHAHA WITH THE THUNDERER, IT GAVE SOLARIS THE GO-AHEAD TO REPLACE OUR SUN--
--IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANCIENT SOLAR LAW!
AND IN ONE HOUR--ONCE HE'S BUILT UP ENOUGH CHARGE--


--HE'S GONNA UNLEASH PROJECT: SUNRISE!
A SOLAR STORM THAT'LL WIPE OUT ALL HUMAN TECHNOLOGY--
--AND SEND HUMANITY RIGHT BACK TO THE STONE AGE!
THAT'S RIGHT. I AM.


THAT'S WHY HIS OLD BUDDY VANDAL SAVAGE WAS HIS TOP PICK TO RUN THE EARTH!
I GOT US INTO THIS MESS--I GOTTA TRY TO GET US OUT!
BUT WHY...?!

YES, WHY? THIS ALL SOUNDS IDEAL, FRANKLY.
NO! I MEANT, WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE REX?!
I CAN ANSWER THAT, MY DEAR--
BREEP!

"--ONCE THIS AUDIO-BAFFLING FIELD SHIELDS US FROM SOLARIS'S PRYING EARS!"
STAGG
HEY!
STOP THAT!


YOU SEE, THE STAGG GENIUS HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN AT WORK! MY BRILLIANT BRAIN HAS DIVINED SOLARIS'S WEAKNESS--
--AN APPLICATION OF SUPERDENSE MATERIAL INTO HIS SOLAR CORE!
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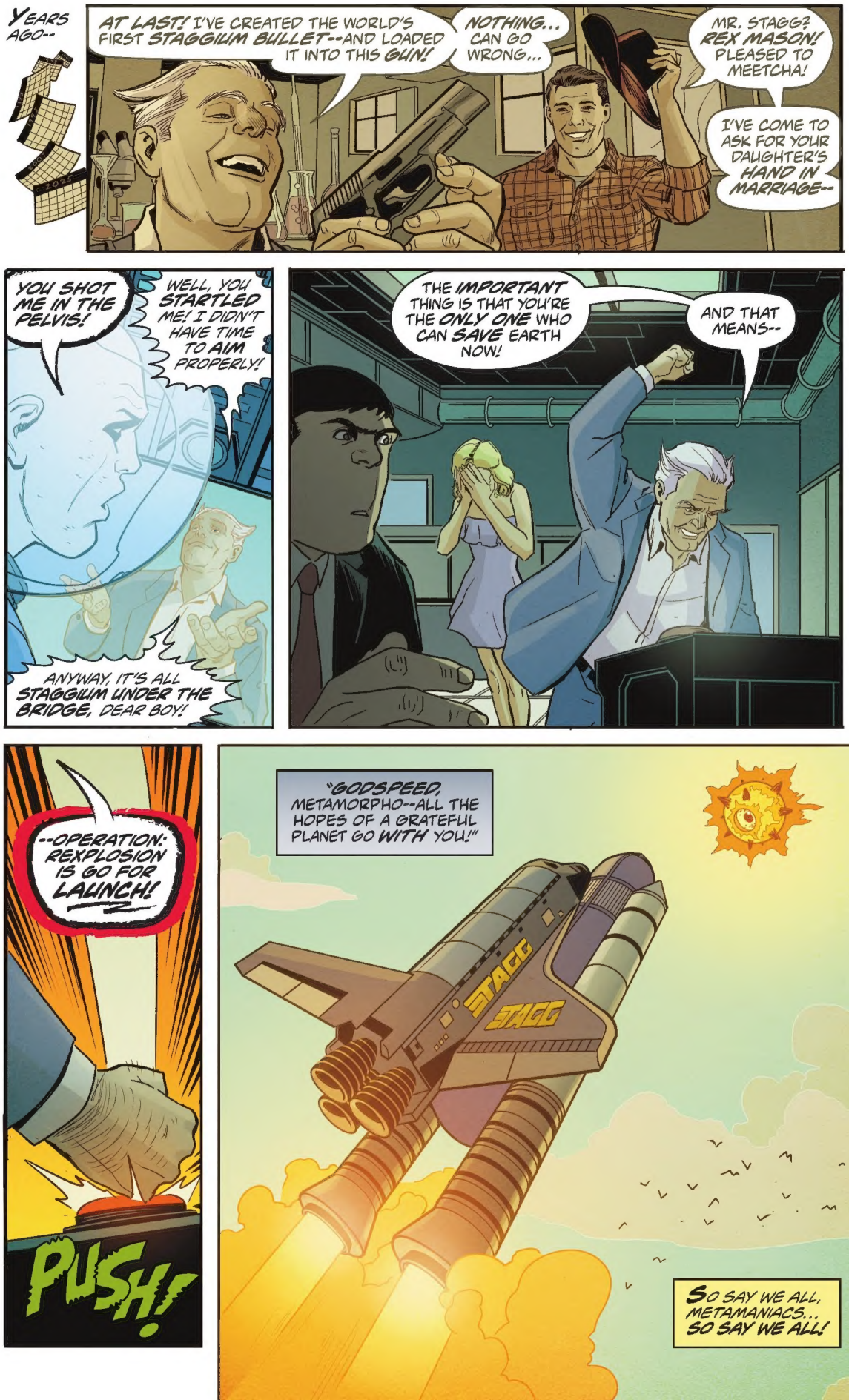
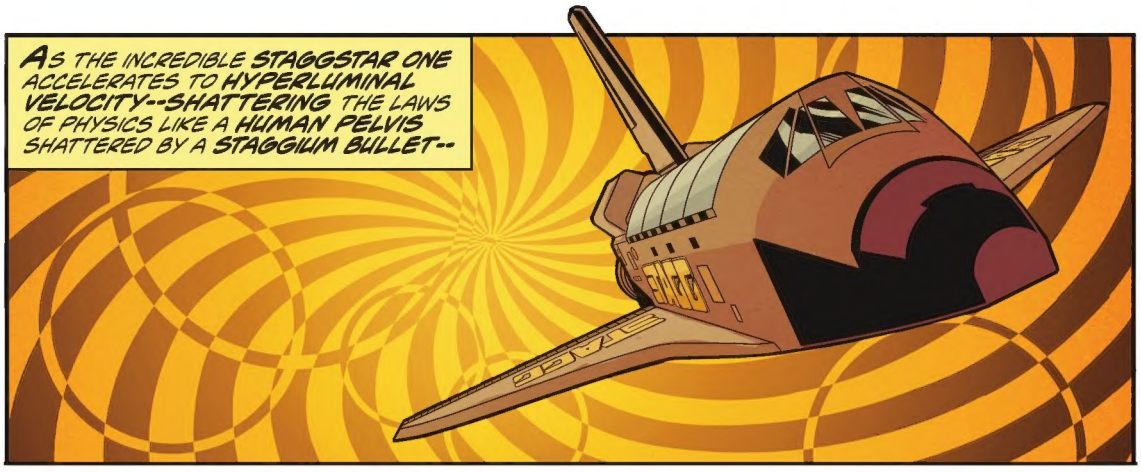
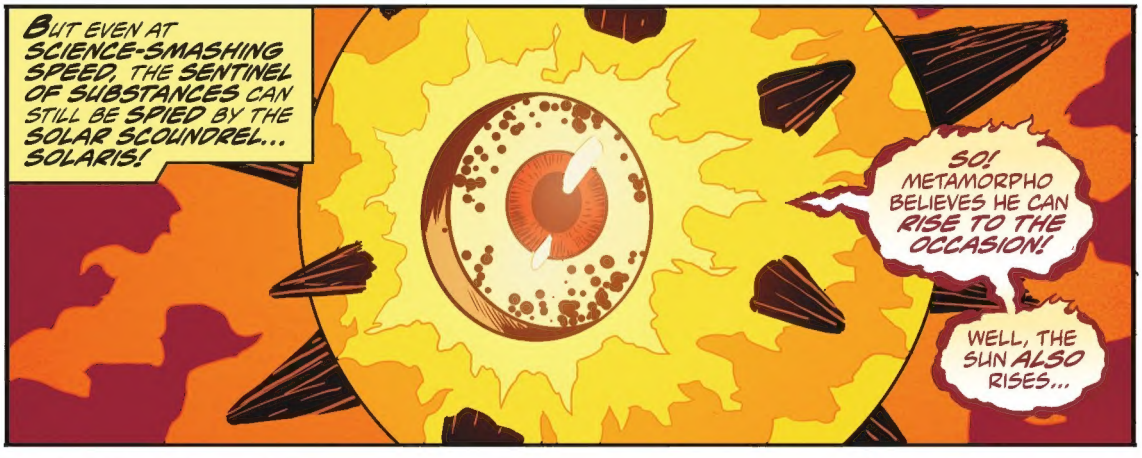
St
STAGGIUM
A HUMAN-SIZED CHUNK OF RAW STAGGIUM--AN ULTRAHEAVY ELEMENT OF MY OWN INVENTION--SHOULD CAUSE A CHAIN REACTION AND DESTROY THE TYRANT SUN UTTERLY!
SO WHAT HAPPENS TO THE EARTH WHEN YOU BLOW UP THE SUN AGAIN...?
I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING! PROBABLY! STOP NAGGING, JAVA!
"OH NO, WE'LL ALL FREEZE IN THE ENDLESS VOID!" YOU'RE SUCH A PESSIMIST!
BUT DADDY-- THAT STILL DOESN'T ANSWER MY QUESTION!
WHY REX?! WHY NOT ONE OF THE OTHER ELEMENT PEOPLE?!
CAN'T AGENT BLACKWELL FLY INTO THE SUN AND BLOW UP...?
HEY!
WOULD THAT SHE COULD, MY DEAR!
HEY!
...AND REX MASON WAS THE ONLY ONE WITH TRACE ELEMENTS OF STAGGIUM IN HIS SYSTEM WHEN HE GOT METAMORPHO'D!
LUCKILY, I HAD THE FORESIGHT TO PREPARE HIM FOR THIS EVENTUALITY YEARS AGO!
AHHH, MEMORIES...
BUT SADLY, NO ELEMENT MAN, WOMAN, OR GAL CAN BECOME AN ELEMENT NOT ORIGINALLY IN THEIR HUMAN BODY...

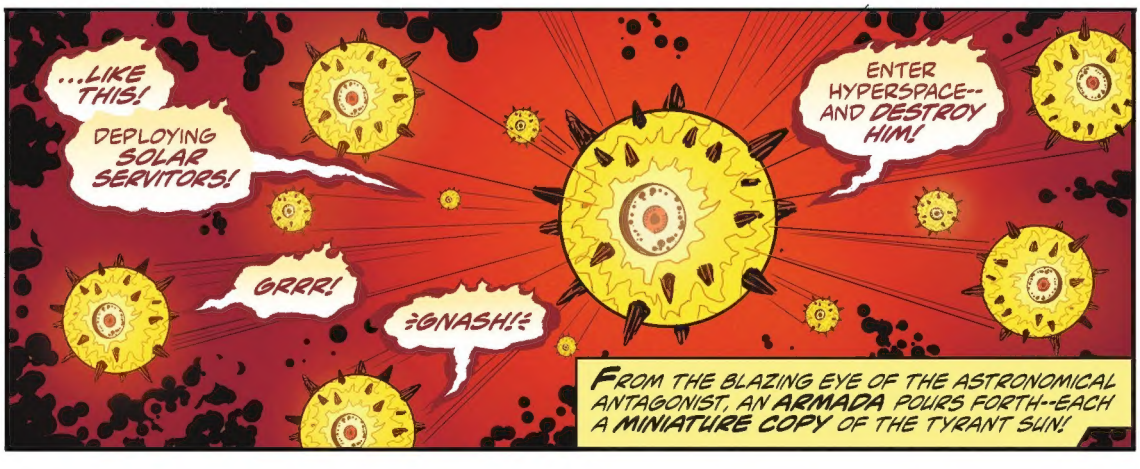

YEARS AGO--
AT LAST! I'VE CREATED THE WORLD'S FIRST STAGGIUM BULLET--AND LOADED IT INTO THIS GUN!
NOTHING... CAN GO WRONG...
MR. STAGG? REX MASON! PLEASED TO MEETCHA!
I'VE COME TO ASK FOR YOUR DAUGHTER'S HAND IN MARRIAGE--
YOU SHOT ME IN THE PELVIS!
WELL, YOU STARTLED ME! I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO AIM PROPERLY!
ANYWAY, IT'S ALL STAGGIUM UNDER THE BRIDGE, DEAR BOY!
THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE EARTH NOW!
AND THAT MEANS--
--OPERATION: REXPLOSION IS GO FOR LAUNCH!
PUSH!
"GODSPEED, METAMORPHO--ALL THE HOPES OF A GRATEFUL PLANET GO WITH YOU!"
STAGG
STAGG
SO SAY WE ALL, METAMANIACS... SO SAY WE ALL!

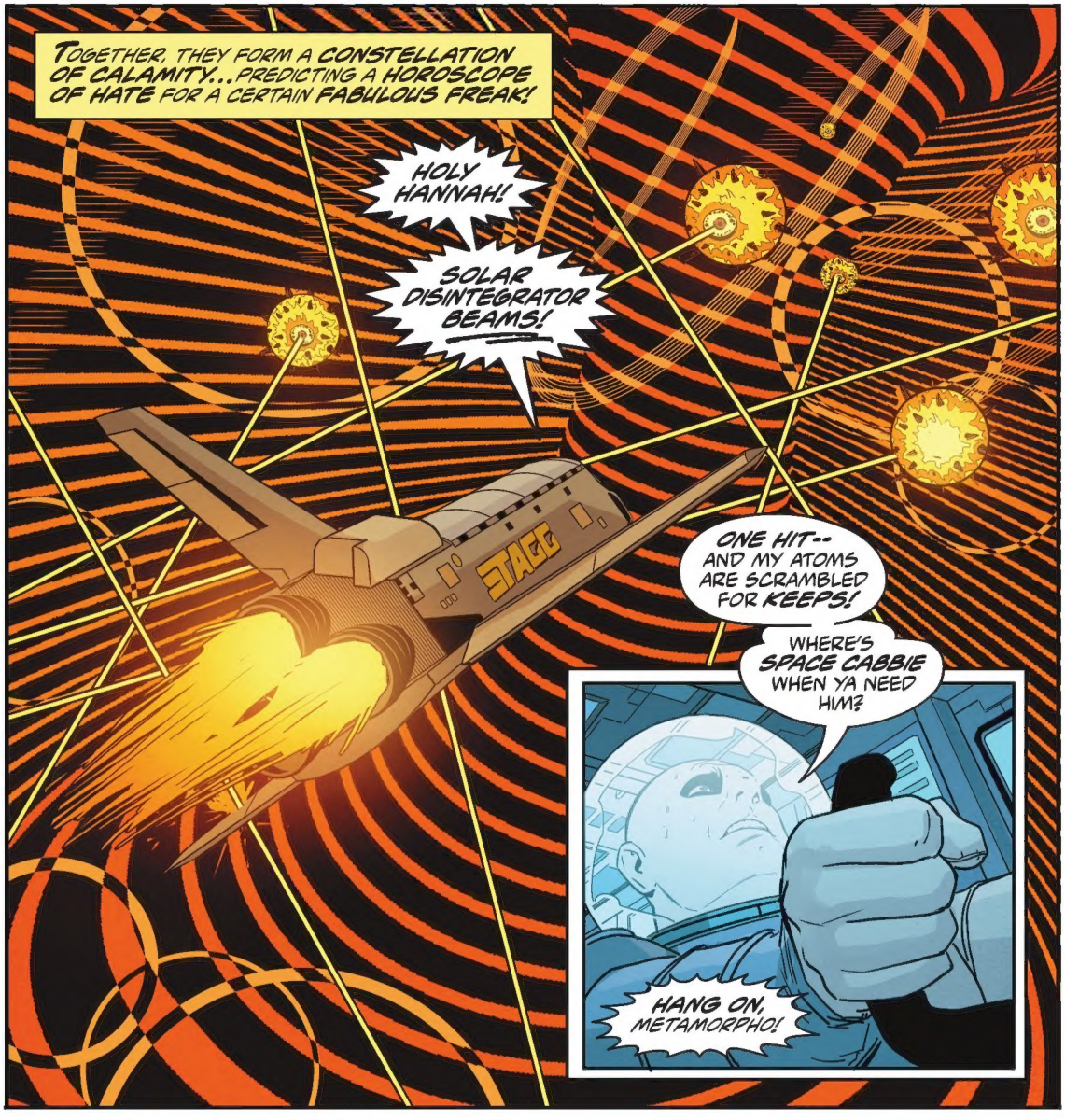

AS THE INCREDIBLE STAGGSTAR ONE ACCELERATES TO HYPERLUMINAL VELOCITY--SHATTERING THE LAWS OF PHYSICS LIKE A HUMAN PELVIS SHATTERED BY A STAGGIUM BULLET--

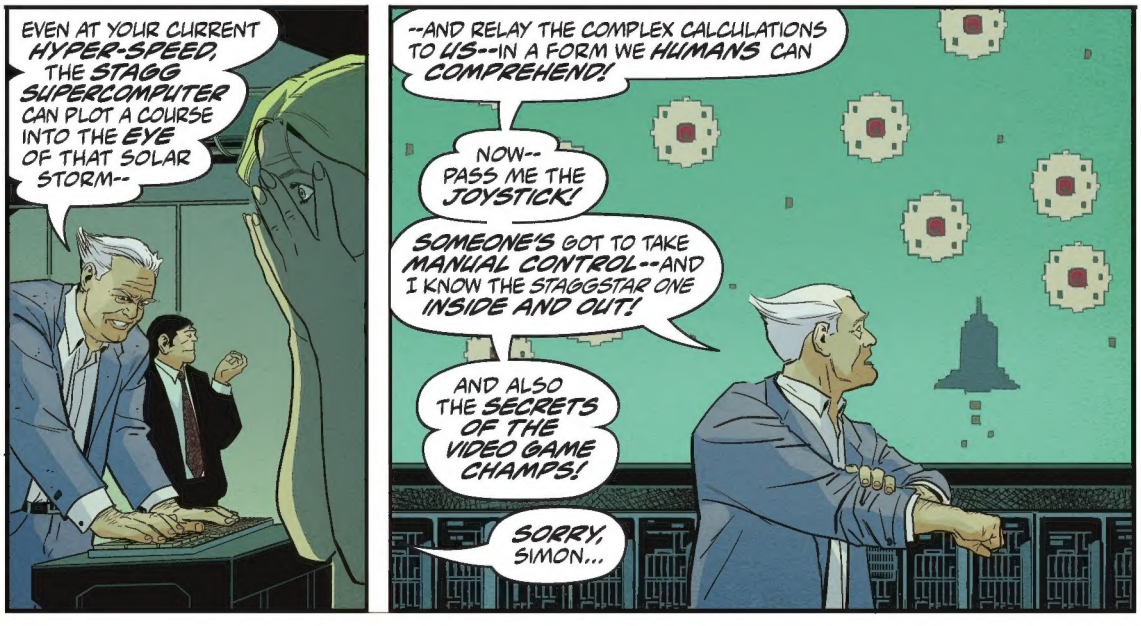
--OUR HERO ENDURES G-FORCES THAT WOULD CRUSH A NORMAL HUMAN INTO JELLY!

AND THEY AIN'T A COOL BREEZE FOR ME, EITHER!
YOU ARE NOW TRAVELING AT TWICE THE SPEED OF LIGHT, METAMORPHO!
DESTINATION: SOLARIS--IN FOUR MINUTES!

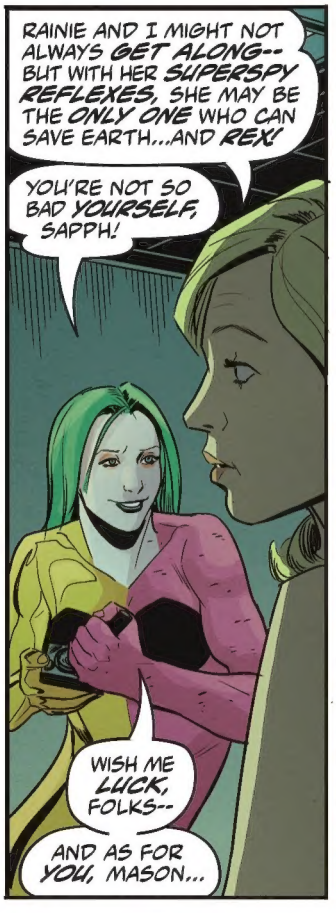

BUT EVEN AT SCIENCE-SMASHING SPEED, THE SENTINEL OF SUBSTANCES CAN STILL BE SPIED BY THE SOLAR SCOUNDREL... SOLARIS!
SO! METAMORPHO BELIEVES HE CAN RISE TO THE OCCASION!
WELL, THE SUN ALSO RISES...


...LIKE THIS!
DEPLOYING SOLAR SERVITORS!
GRRR!
:GNASH!:
ENTER HYPERSPACE-- AND DESTROY HIM!
FROM THE BLAZING EYE OF THE ASTRONOMICAL ANTAGONIST, AN ARMADA POURS FORTH--EACH A MINIATURE COPY OF THE TYRANT SUN!


TOGETHER, THEY FORM A CONSTELLATION OF CALAMITY...PREDICTING A HOROSCOPE OF HATE FOR A CERTAIN FABULOUS FREAK!
HOLY HANNAH!
SOLAR DISINTEGRATOR BEAMS!
STAGG
ONE HIT-- AND MY ATOMS ARE SCRAMBLED FOR KEEPS!
WHERE'S SPACE CABBIE WHEN YA NEED HIM?
HANG ON, METAMORPHO!


EVEN AT YOUR CURRENT HYPER-SPEED, THE STAGG SUPERCOMPUTER CAN PLOT A COURSE INTO THE EYE OF THAT SOLAR STORM--
--AND RELAY THE COMPLEX CALCULATIONS TO US--IN A FORM WE HUMANS CAN COMPREHEND!
NOW-- PASS ME THE JOYSTICK!
SOMEONE'S GOT TO TAKE MANUAL CONTROL--AND I KNOW THE STAGGSTAR ONE INSIDE AND OUT!
AND ALSO THE SECRETS OF THE VIDEO GAME CHAMPS!
SORRY, SIMON...

...BUT A JOB LIKE THIS NEEDS A STEADY HAND-- AND NERVES OF STEEL!
FIGURATIVELY AND LITERALLY!
B-BUT WHAT ABOUT MY HIGH SCORE? THE AMAZING SIMON STAGG DESERVES TOP PLACE ON THE LEADERBOARD!
NO, DADDY-- SHE'S RIGHT!


RAINIE AND I MIGHT NOT ALWAYS GET ALONG-- BUT WITH HER SUPERSPY REFLEXES, SHE MAY BE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE EARTH...AND REX!
YOU'RE NOT SO BAD YOURSELF, SAPPH!
WISH ME LUCK, FOLKS--
AND AS FOR YOU, MASON...

...HOLD ON TO YOUR MOLECULES!
YEEEOWW!
NEXT STOP-- THE EYE OF SOLARIS!

SOMETHING ABOUT ALL THIS IS NAGGING AT ME...
OH, FOR--YOU'RE A CAVEMAN, JAVA! WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HIGH TECHNOLOGY LIKE THIS?
WELL... NOTHING, OBVIOUSLY...

...BUT IF THE LITTLE VERSIONS OF SOLARIS CAN SHOOT DISINTEGRATOR RAYS FROM THEIR EYES...
OH NO!
REX--

--LOOK OUT!
SUFFERIN' SULFUR!
GOTTA CHANGE, BEFORE--
TOO LATE!
IF SOUND COULD TRAVEL IN SPACE, THE NOISE OF EVERY MOLECULE IN THE STAGGSTAR ONE BEING BLASTED INTO NANO-ATOMIC DUST WOULD SOUND LIKE--
KA-KRAKOOM!
BUT IT DOESN'T! BECAUSE THERE IS NO SOUND IN THE DEPTHS OF SPACE...ONLY SILENCE...
...THE DEATHLY SILENCE...OF DEATH!
NO!
MY REX... DEAD IN SPACE! I C-CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
NEITHER CAN I, DARLING! NEITHER CAN I!
AND NEITHER CAN I!
:Sob...:
:Sniff:
READER'S VOICE
YOUR SKEPTICISM DOES YOU CREDIT, METAMANIAC!
SO QUICK, TURN THE PAGE... FOR THE RAMBUNCTIOUS REVEAL...

...OF THE RA-REALM!

LEAPIN' LITHIUM! WHERE THE HECK AM I...?

THE RA-REALM!

WILD, WAY-OUT ZONE OF MYSTERY AND MAGIC! RULED FROM THE HEAVENS BY RA-PRIME, THE ALL-POWERFUL JEWELED SUN...

...AND GUARDED BY RA-PRIME'S CHOSEN SOLAR CHAMPION!

AND WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?!

PRINCE RA-MAN IS MY NAME...

...AND SOLAR JUSTICE IS MY GAME!

YET ONCE, LIKE YOU, I WAS HUMAN! I WAS MARK MERLIN-- OCCULT DETECTIVE AND PART-TIME CAT!

BUT THEN I TOO WAS REINCARNATED BY THE SUN GODS TO DO THEIR ALMIGHTY BIDDING--

WHOA, PRINCE-BABY-- I JUST WANTED A NAME, NOT YOUR LIFE STORY!

THIS ELEMENT MAN'S GOT BIGGER FISH TO FRY-- LIKE THE ONE-EYED SUNFISH WHO TRIED TO FRY ME!

LAST THING I REMEMBER IS TURNING INTO STAGGIUM... HOPING MAYBE THAT COULD SURVIVE THE BLAST...

AND IN A WAY, IT DID! FOR RA-PRIME COULD PINPOINT THOSE UNIQUE STAGGIUM MOLECULES--

--AND SUMMON THEM HERE...

...TO TELL YOU THAT, THOUGH THE SOLAR DUEL YOU LOST WAS PERMITTED UNDER COSMIC LAW...

...IT WAS NOT A FAIR FIGHT!

WHA-HUH?

REMEMBER--SOLARIS IS A VILLAIN FROM ONE MILLION MONTHS IN YOUR FUTURE!

HE IS?

HE KNEW HIS CHAMPION COULD ONLY BEAT SOL'S METAMORPHS IN HIS PAST--

--WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG AND UNSKILLED!

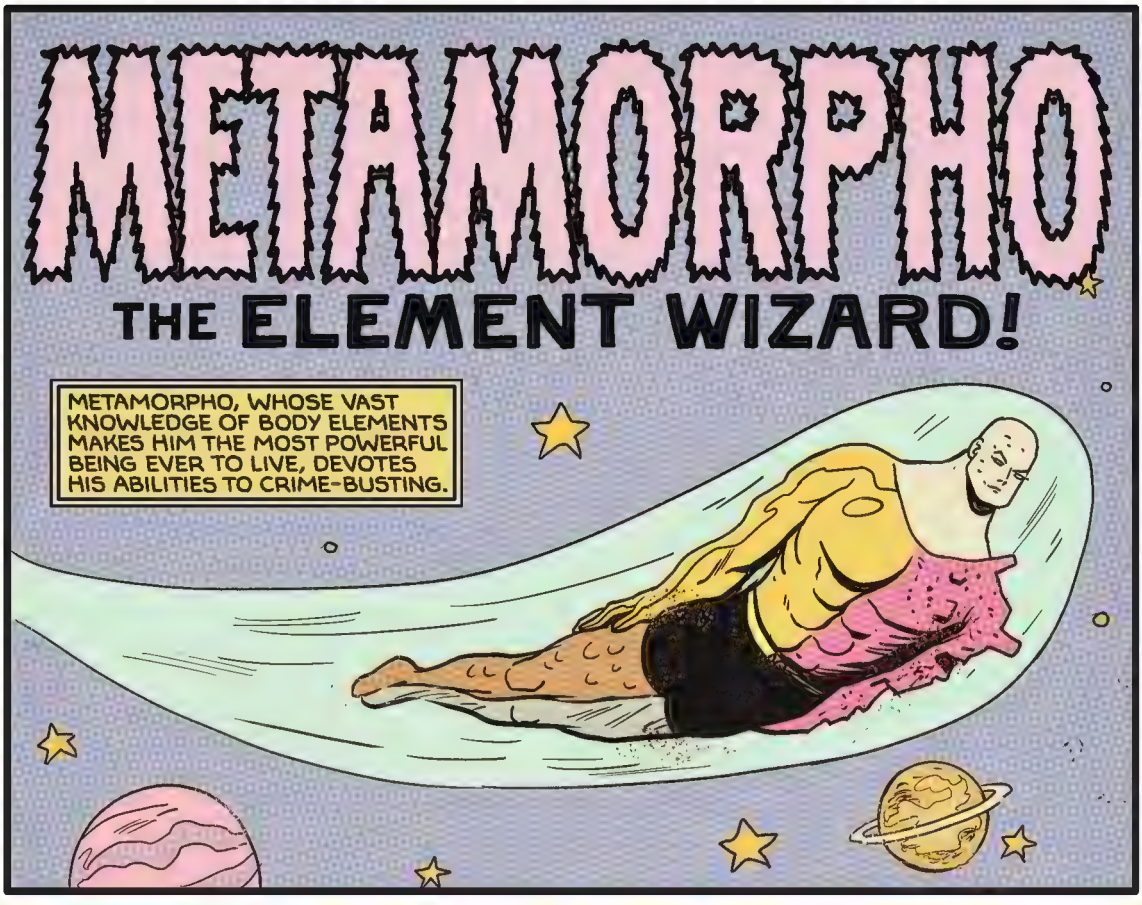
BUT IF YOU WOULD KNOW HOW THAT BATTLE WOULD HAVE GONE, HAD IT OCCURRED IN SOLARIS'S OWN ERA...

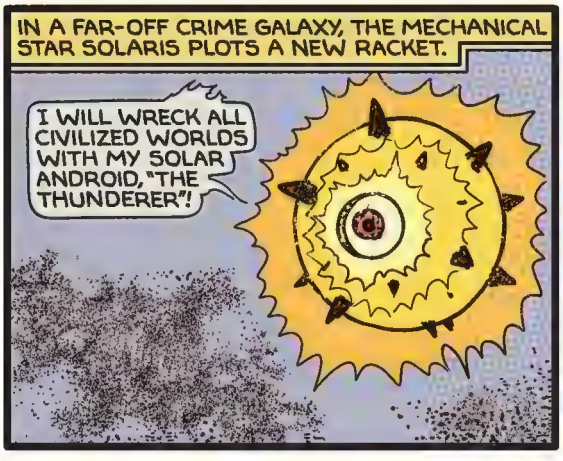
...YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF...

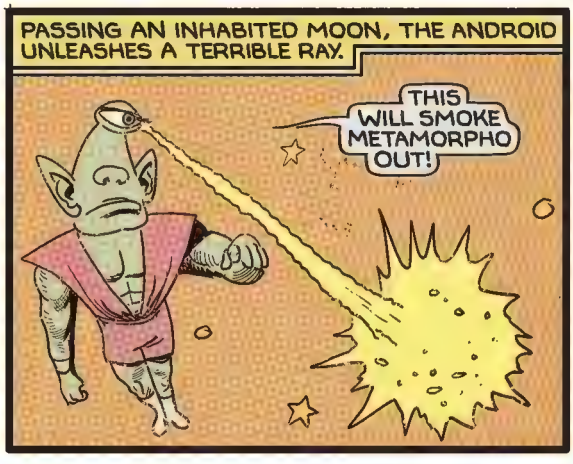
...IN MY MIND'S EYE!

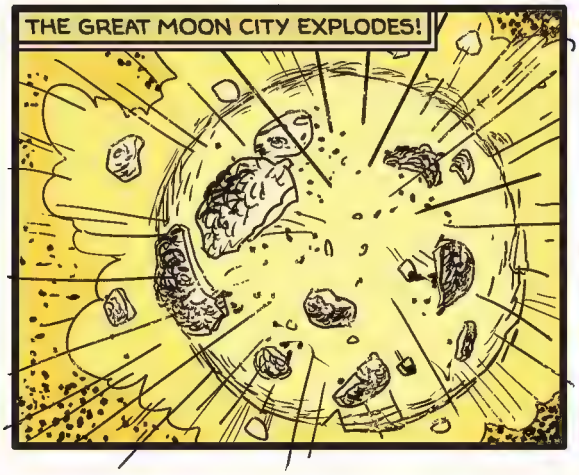
METAMORPHO

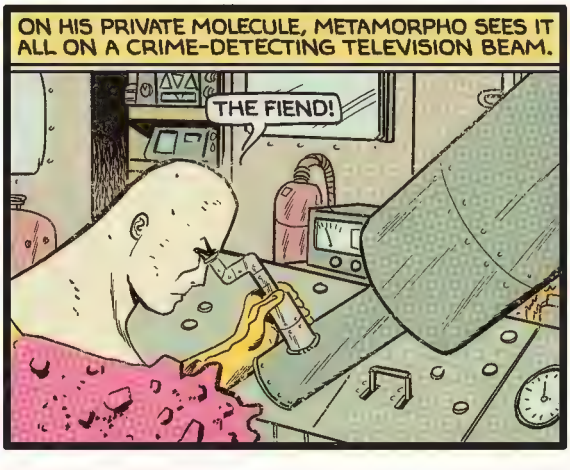
THE ELEMENT WIZARD!

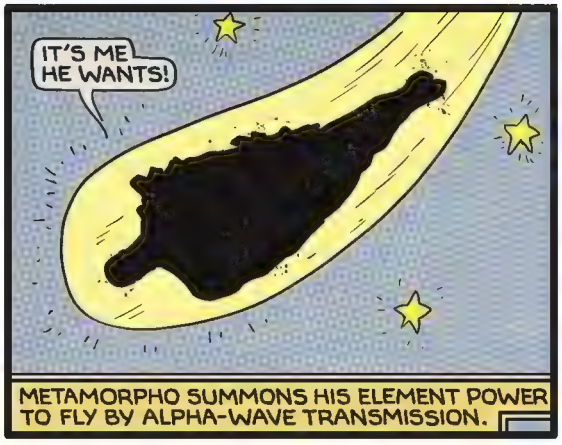

METAMORPHO, WHOSE VAST KNOWLEDGE OF BODY ELEMENTS MAKES HIM THE MOST POWERFUL BEING EVER TO LIVE, DEVOTES HIS ABILITIES TO CRIME-BUSTING.

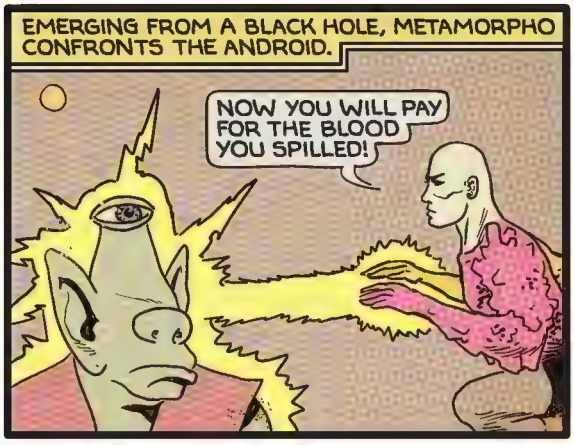

IN A FAR-OFF CRIME GALAXY, THE MECHANICAL STAR SOLARIS PLOTS A NEW RACKET.
I WILL WRECK ALL CIVILIZED WORLDS WITH MY SOLAR ANDROID, "THE THUNDERER"!

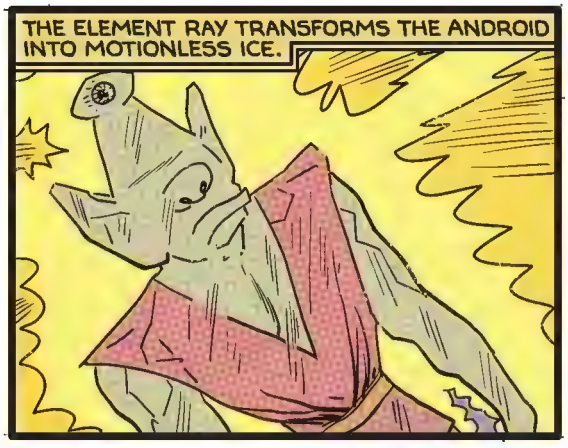


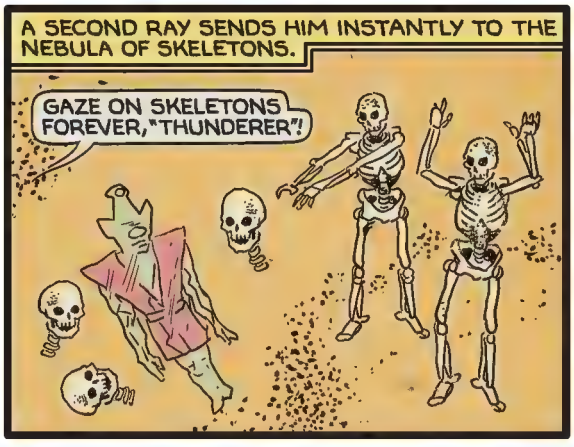


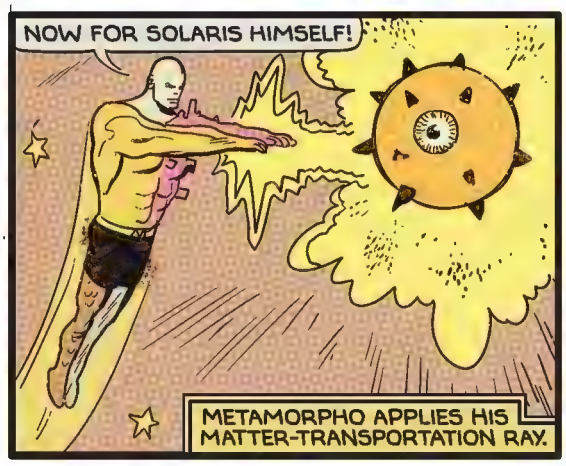


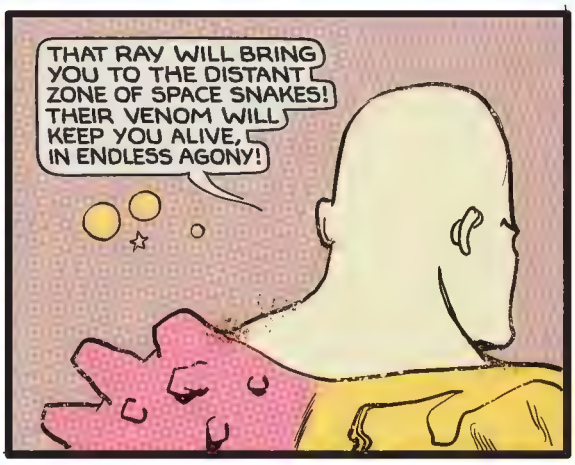

IT'S ME HE WANTS!
METAMORPHO SUMMONS HIS ELEMENT POWER TO FLY BY ALPHA-WAVE TRANSMISSION.

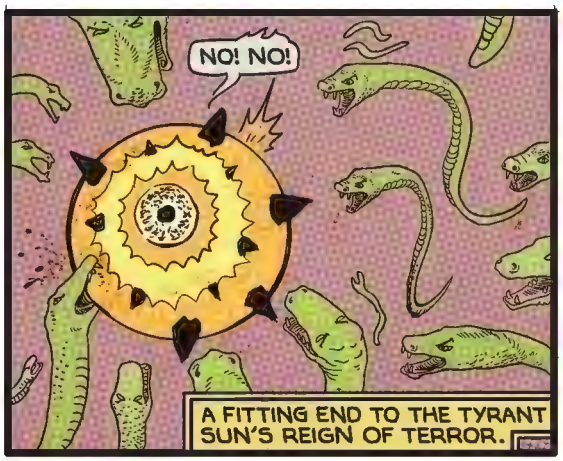

EMERGING FROM A BLACK HOLE, METAMORPHO CONFRONTS THE ANDROID.
NOW YOU WILL PAY FOR THE BLOOD YOU SPILLED!


THE ELEMENT RAY TRANSFORMS THE ANDROID INTO MOTIONLESS ICE.


A SECOND RAY SENDS HIM INSTANTLY TO THE NEBULA OF SKELETONS.
GAZE ON SKELETONS FOREVER, "THUNDERER"!


NOW FOR SOLARIS HIMSELF!
METAMORPHO APPLIES HIS MATTER-TRANSPORTATION RAY.


THAT RAY WILL BRING YOU TO THE DISTANT ZONE OF SPACE SNAKES! THEIR VENOM WILL KEEP YOU ALIVE, IN ENDLESS AGONY!

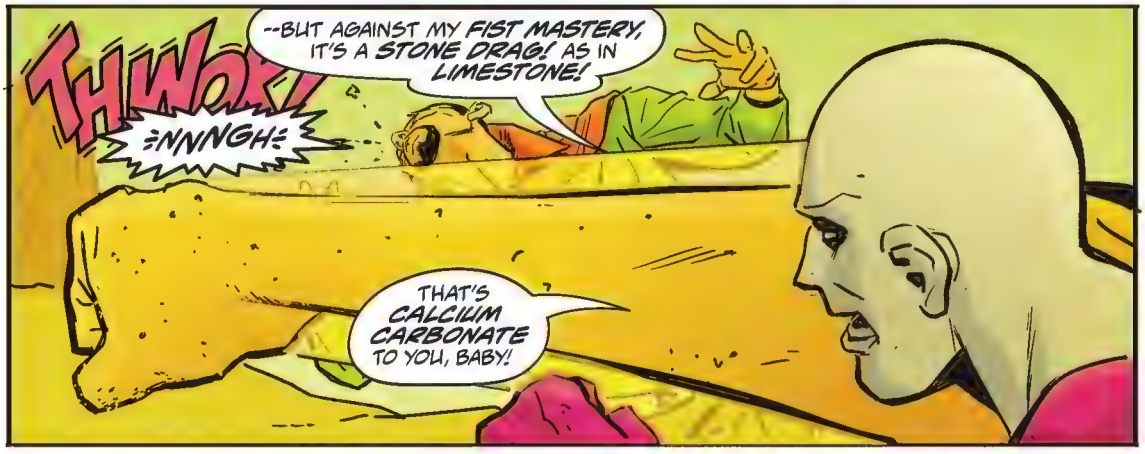

NO! NO!
A FITTING END TO THE TYRANT SUN'S REIGN OF TERROR.

METAMORPHO LEAVES A LAST MESSAGE FOR THE SURVIVING MOON PEOPLE.
BUY WAR BONDS

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
THE ELEMENT MAN OF TOMORROW!
AFTER 850 CENTURIES OF IMMORTALITY, YOU WILL GAIN THE ABILITY TO BECOME ANY ELEMENT...IN ANY STATE...
WHOA! NOTHING DOING, FELLA! I GOT PLANS FOR MY OLD AGE--LIKE OLD AGE, F'RINSTANCE!
YOU THINK I WANNA BE SHUFFLING MY ATOMS FOR BIG DADDY RA WHILE EVERYONE I CARE ABOUT GROOVES INTO THE GRAVE?
WHAT YOU WISH IS IRRELEVANT, REX MASON--
--AGAINST THE INEFFABLE WILL OF THE SUN GODS!
I'M STARTING TO SEE WHY OLD ALGON GOT SICK OF THE WHOLE ELEMENTAL BIT!
TELL THE BIG ZIRCON UP THERE TO STUFF IT WHERE HE HIMSELF DOESN'T SHINE!
I'M MY OWN ELEMENT MAN, DIG ME?
YOU DARE TO SPEAK THUS OF RA-PRIME? PERHAPS A DOSE OF MIND MASTERY WILL IMPROVE YOUR MANNERS!
YEAH? WELL, HERE'S MUD IN YOUR THIRD EYE, PAL--

--OR RATHER...
...MAGNESIUM!
WITH A DASH OF SODIUM TO SET IT BLAZING--
--AND SOME SMOKED-GLASS SHADES TO PROTECT MY OWN BABY BLUES!
AAAHH!

C-CAN'T SEE TO DIRECT MY MENTAL POWER!
IMPOSSIBLE!
MY MIND MASTERY HAS NEVER BEEN DEFEATED BY ANOTHER SOLAR CHAMPION!
THAT MIND JAZZ MIGHT IMPRESS THE RUBES AT THE COUNTY FAIR, BUSTER--


THWOK!
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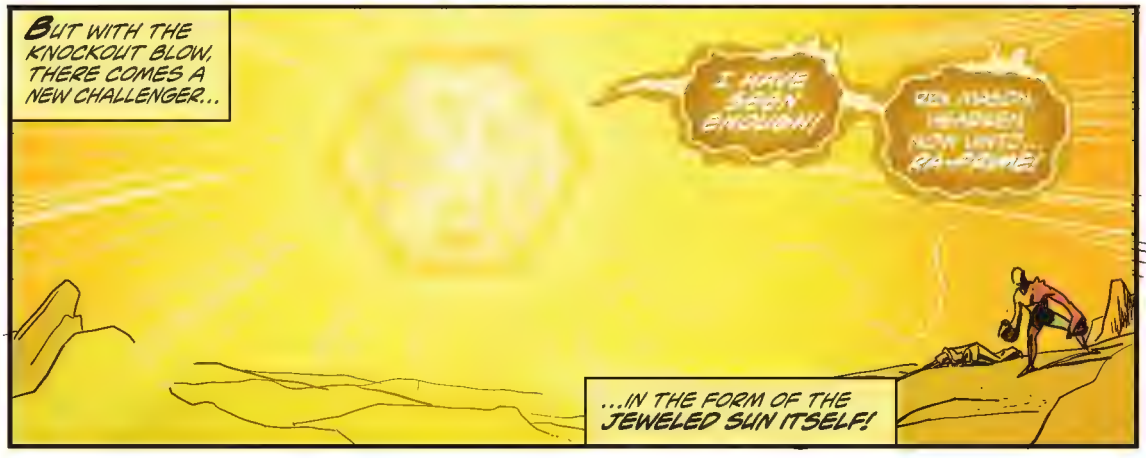
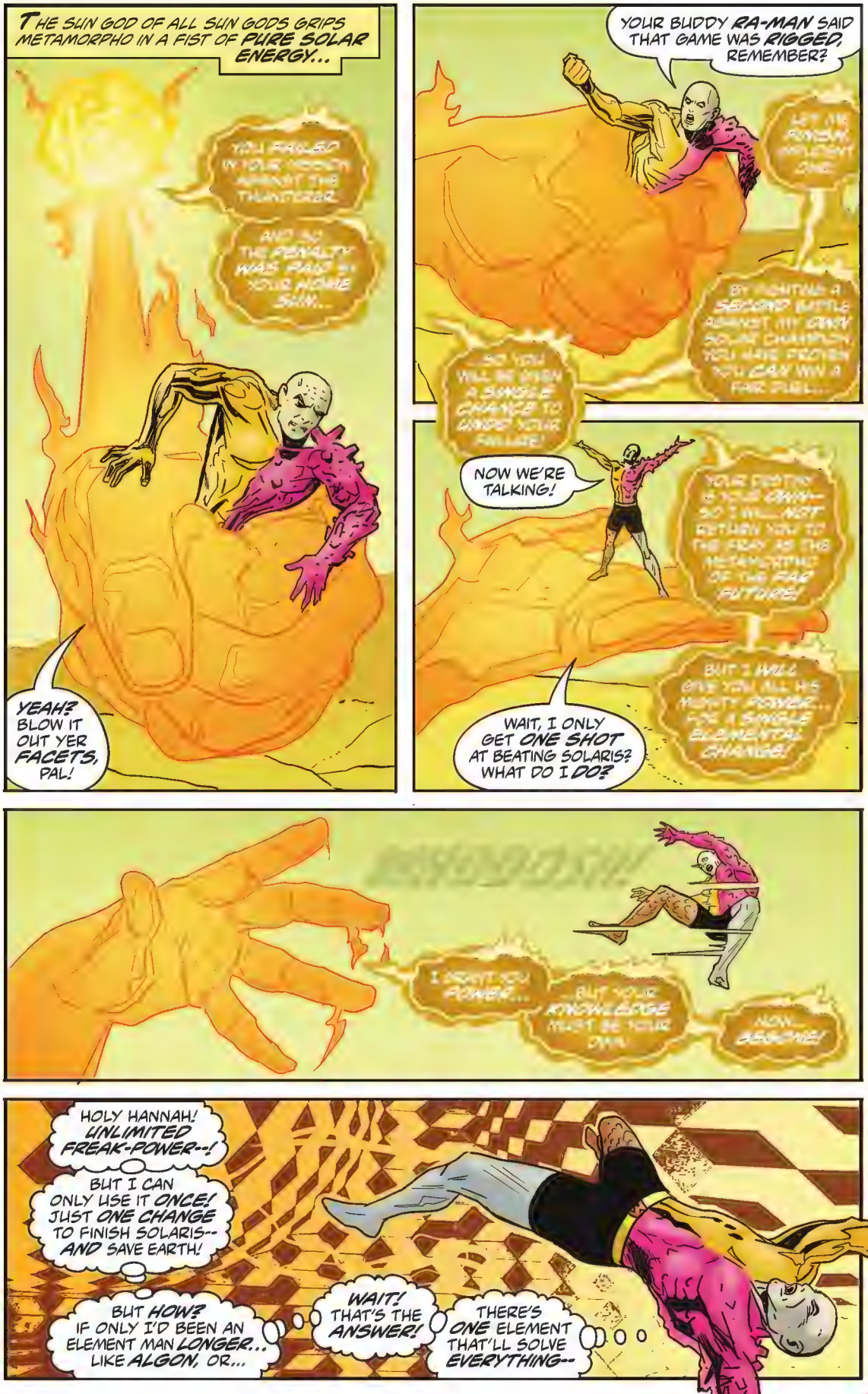
--BUT AGAINST MY FIST MASTERY, IT'S A STONE DRAG! AS IN LIMESTONE!
THAT'S CALCIUM CARBONATE TO YOU, BABY!


BUT WITH THE KNOCKOUT BLOW, THERE COMES A NEW CHALLENGER...
I HAVE SEEN ENOUGH!
...IN THE FORM OF THE JEWELED SUN ITSELF!

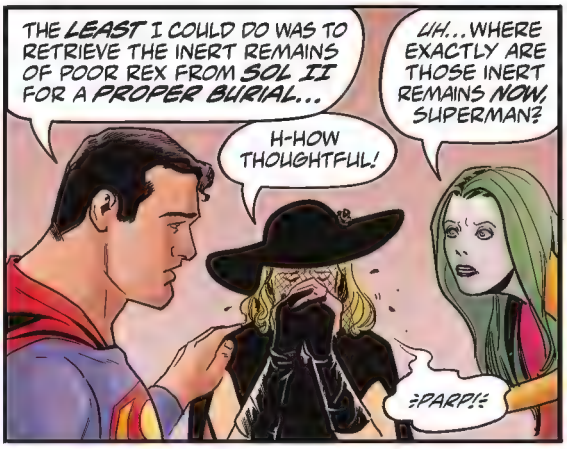

THE SUN GOD OF ALL SUN GODS GRIPS METAMORPHO IN A FIST OF PURE SOLAR ENERGY...
YOU FAILED IN YOUR MISSION AGAINST THE THUNDERER.
AND SO THE PENALTY WAS PAID BY YOUR HOME SUN...
YEAH? BLOW IT OUT YER FACETS, PAL!
YOUR BUDDY RA-MAN SAID THAT GAME WAS RIGGED, REMEMBER?
LET ME FINISH, IMPATIENT ONE.
BY FIGHTING A SECOND BATTLE AGAINST MY OWN SOLAR CHAMPION, YOU HAVE PROVEN YOU CAN WIN A FAIR DUEL...
SO YOU WILL BE GIVEN A SINGLE CHANCE TO UNDO YOUR FAILURE!
NOW WE'RE TALKING!
YOUR DESTINY IS YOUR OWN— SO I WILL REST EITHER YOU TO THE FRAY AS THE METAMORPHO OF THE FAR FUTURE!
BUT I WILL GIVE YOU ALL HIS MIGHTY POWER... FOR A SINGLE ELEMENTAL CHANGE!
WAIT, I ONLY GET ONE SHOT AT BEATING SOLARIS? WHAT DO I DO?
I WANT SUCH POWER...
BUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE MUST BE YOUR OWN.
NOW... BEGONE!
HOLY HANNAH! UNLIMITED FREAK-POWER--!
BUT I CAN ONLY USE IT ONCE! JUST ONE CHANGE TO FINISH SOLARIS-- AND SAVE EARTH!
BUT HOW? IF ONLY I'D BEEN AN ELEMENT MAN LONGER... LIKE ALGON, OR...
WAIT! THAT'S THE ANSWER!
THERE'S ONE ELEMENT THAT'LL SOLVE EVERYTHING--

"--AND ALGON SHOWED ME THE WAY!"
THE SOLAR CHARGE IS ALMOST COMPLETE!
ONE MINUTE UNTIL DETONATION--AND THE END OF CIVILIZATION!
THE PRIMITIVE HUMANS THAT SURVIVE WILL GROW TO WORSHIP ME AS THEIR ONLY SUN GOD!
--WAIT!
WHAT'S THAT STRANGE GLOW...?
JUST THAT LITTLE OLD METAMORPH...
ME!
AND READY WITH THE BIG CHANGE THAT'LL SCRAP SOLARIS...
...THANKS TO ALGON'S OLD-TIMEY THINKING!
I NEED NO COMPLEX CHEMICALS TO SEAL YOUR FATE...
...ONLY SIMPLE HYDROGEN!
"HYDROGEN--THE MOST BASIC ELEMENT OF THEM ALL!
NOT QUITE AS SPECIAL AS SIMON'S FANCY STAGGIUM--BUT IT'S WHAT YOU DO WITH WHAT YOU GOT THAT COUNTS!
AND WITH THE ULTIMATE POWER GRANTED BY THE JEWELED SUN, I CAN BECOME HYDROGEN...
...THAT'S IN THE MIDDLE OF A FUSION REACTION!
NO! NO! NOOOO!

ONLY ALGON, THE ANCIENT ELEMENT MAN, COULD INSPIRE IT!
ONLY REX MASON, THE METAMORPHO OF TODAY, COULD THINK OF IT!
AND ONLY THE AWESOME POWER OF METAMORPHO ONE MILLION COULD DO IT!
SOLARIS SCREAMS-- AS REX MASON BECOMES THE FUSION CORE OF A BRAND-NEW YELLOW SUN!
THROUGH APPLIED FREAK-POWER ON A SCALE NEVER BEFORE SEEN, THE NEW SUN INSTANTLY REACHES THE PERFECT TEMPERATURE TO KEEP MAMA EARTH WARM AND TOASTY FOR THE NEXT FOURTEEN BILLION YEARS...
...AND TO BRING THE SUN DOWN ON SOLARIS--AND THE MACHINATIONS OF HIS ALTER EGO, Cy.C.L.O.P.S.--
--FOREVER!

DAYS LATER, A SOMBER SCENE AT THE RECENTLY RE-TRANSPLANTED STAGG HQ...
I'M SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, MS. STAGG!
IF ONLY THE JUSTICE LEAGUE HADN'T BEEN ON A VITAL MISSION TO THE NEBULA OF SKELETONS LAST WEEK...

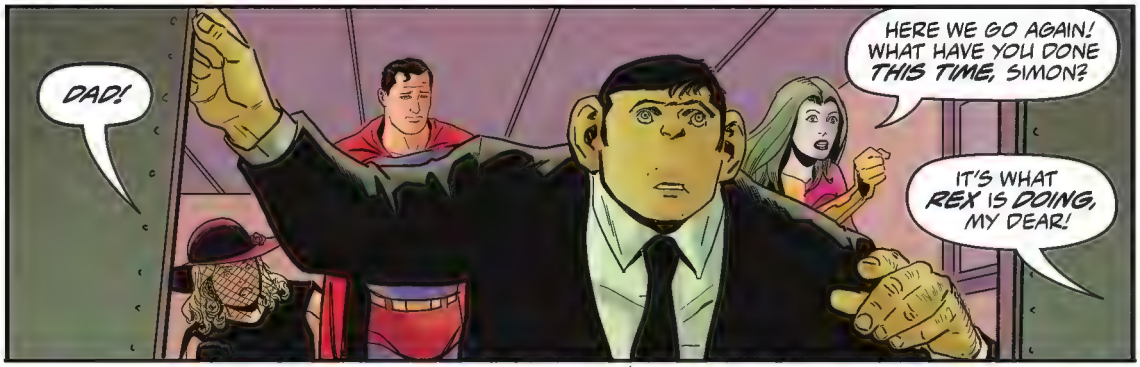
...ALONG WITH THE JUSTICE SOCIETY, TITANS, DOOM PATROL, OUTSIDERS, NEWSBOY LEGION, SONIC DISRUPTORS, AND JASON'S QUEST!
IT C-COULDN'T BE HELPED, SUPERMAN!
:HONK!:

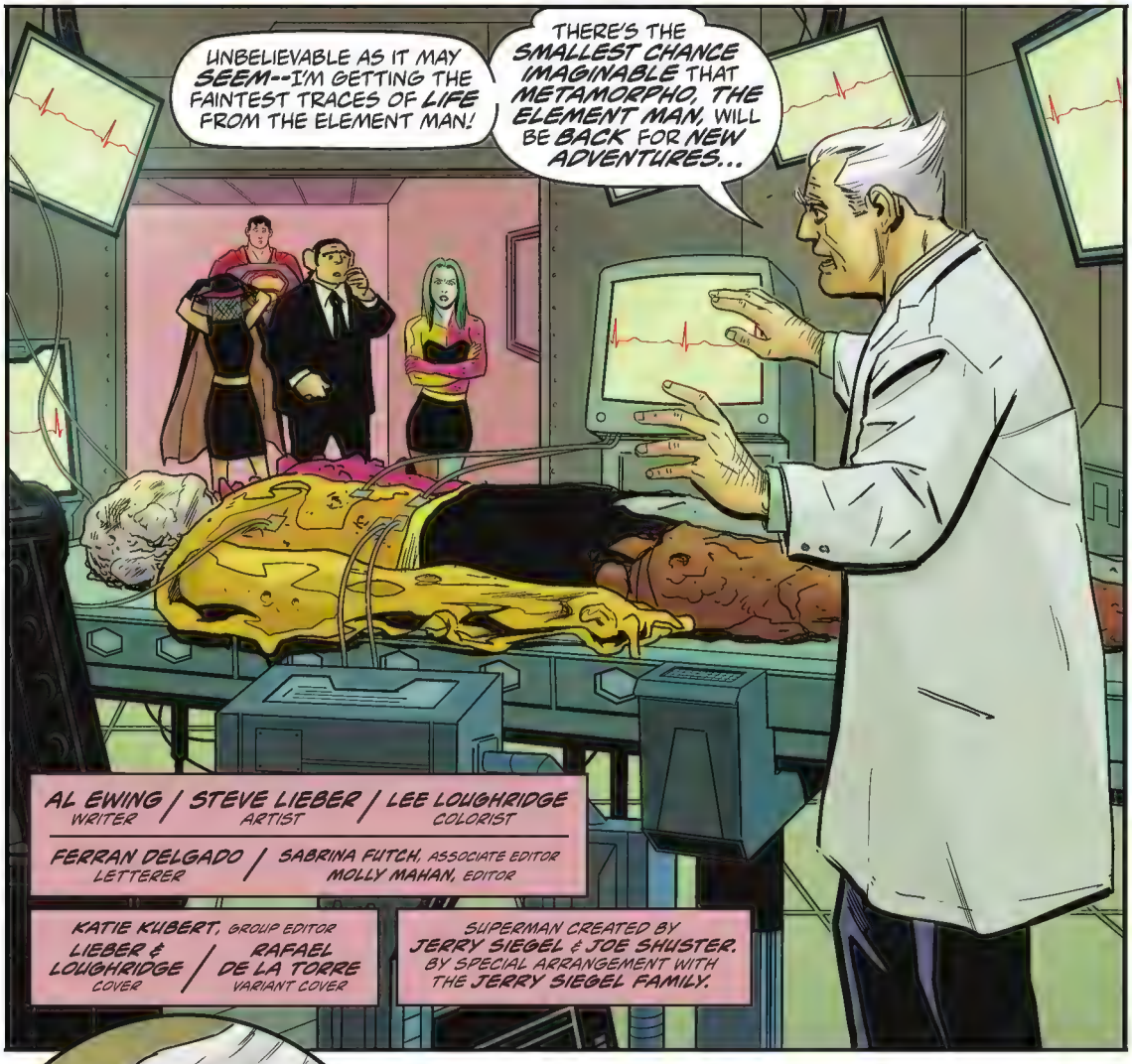

THE LEAST I COULD DO WAS TO RETRIEVE THE INERT REMAINS OF POOR REX FROM SOL II FOR A PROPER BURIAL...
H-HOW THOUGHTFUL!
UH...WHERE EXACTLY ARE THOSE INERT REMAINS NOW, SUPERMAN?
:PARP!:

ALSO...HAS ANYONE SEEN MY FATHER TODAY...?
...
HMM...

I CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE THE HIDDEN LEAD-SHIELDED LABORATORY OVER THERE...
GAHH!
:GROAN!:
GUMPH!
SLAPS!
GREAT JASPER!

DOES MR. STAGG TAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN HE'S LINING ROOMS WITH LEAD...?
HE DOES NOT!
EVERYONE TO THE SECRET LAB--
--NOW!




UNBELIEVABLE AS IT MAY SEEM--I'M GETTING THE FAINTEST TRACES OF LIFE FROM THE ELEMENT MAN!
THERE'S THE SMALLEST CHANCE IMAGINABLE THAT METAMORPHO, THE ELEMENT MAN, WILL BE BACK FOR NEW ADVENTURES...

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THAT'S RIGHT, READER--WE'RE LEAVING IT ENTIRELY IN YOUR HANDS!

DO YOU NEED MORE CHEMICAL ACTION FROM THE AMAZING ELEMENT TEAM? DO YOU ACHE TO LEARN THE SECRETS OF METAMORPHO'S TANGLED TIMELINE? DO YOU YEARN FOR GUEST APPEARANCES BY NOT ONLY BATMAN, BUT ALSO BATMAN JR., HIS INCREDIBLE SUPER SON?

IF THE ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS IS "YEAH! YEAH! AND THRICE YEAH!" THEN HESITATE YE NOT, METAMANIAC! WRITE TO DC COMICS ON THE FINEST LETTERHEAD, STAINED WITH YOUR OWN TEARS, FOR MORE...MORE...MORE METAMORPHO! AND IF THERE'S A GLIMMER OF JUSTICE UNDER THE VAULT OF HEAVEN...

...REX MASON WILL RETURN!

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CAPE TOWN.
FOUR YEARS AFTER G-DAY.
KING SHARK, CHECK IN PLEASE...
WELFARE CHECK, NANAUE... ARE YOU OKAY?
UNNAHHH...
JUSTICE LEAGUE VS. GODZILLA VS. KONG 2
#1 PREVIEW
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NANAUE...IT'S JUNE, IF YOU CAN HEAR US, PLEASE RESPOND.
I'M SEEING VERY LITTLE BRAIN ACTIVITY.
HE HAD LITTLE TO START WITH, BUT YES...
...AS I PREDICTED, "TITANIZING" HAS AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON SYNAPTIC ACTIVITY.
YOU CAN'T CONTROL HIM, WALLER. HE'S LITTLE MORE THAN A MINDLESS MONSTER.
MAGNITUDE CONFIRMED.
WHERE ARE WE WITH VIABILITY?
INCOMING. ENCHANTRESS, YOU AND LUTHOR GET OUT OF THERE.
EVACUATING NOW--
RRAAAAAGHHHHHH

RRAAAAAAAGHHHHH
RRAAAAAWWWR
TO BE CONTINUED IN
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INTERVIEW WITH BRIAN BUCCELLATO

Get ready for another epic showdown in *Justice League vs. Godzilla vs. Kong 2*! In this highly anticipated sequel, the Justice League faces even bigger challenges as Task Force X unleashes new hybrid Titans to threaten both Earth and Legendary Earth. *New York Times* bestselling writer Brian Buccellato dives into the thrilling developments and new twists fans can expect from this monstrous sequel.

What made you excited about jumping back into the epic world of *Justice League vs. Godzilla vs. Kong*?

Besides passionately loving both worlds and having the tattoos to prove it, the first series was absolutely the most fun I've ever had. So coming back and doing it again was a no-brainer for me.

How are you planning to take things to the next level? What bigger challenges can the Justice League expect this time around?

I've got a few tricks up my sleeve. First, I wanted to take the DC heroes to the Legendary Earth so we could have fun in their world—which includes monsters like King Ghidorah and Rodan, and the massive creatures that lurk within Hollow Earth.

Taking on Gidorah, Rodan, and some still-unannounced Legendary Titans will give the heroes a bunch of gigantic new challenges to overcome. And of course, there is still Godzilla and Kong to contend with.

Which new characters or team-ups are you most looking forward to, and what makes those pairings so special?

Spoiler...since we last saw Lex Luthor in the first series, he has been thrust into Task Force X against his will. So he will be involved with Amanda Waller, the Suicide Squad, and a surprise villain from the Legendary world.

Also, taking a page from all the fun I had working on *Injustice*...Batman and Harley Quinn are among the most unlikely pairings in the series.

How has your collaboration with artist Christian Duce evolved since the first crossover?

I don't know if it has evolved, per se...I think he's such a talented and skilled artist that he is making my job as easy as he did last time. And in return I'm trying to give him a few more splash pages and two-page spreads. Last time I packed so much story into the issues that I didn't do him any favors with panel counts. Sorry, Christian! I promise to do better this time.

What do you think fans will love most about this sequel? What moments or surprises should they look out for?

The "Titanizing" is a big deal, both in-story and visually for the readers. The DC heroes going toe-to-toe with the Titans is a spectacle you wouldn't normally get to see. Can't wait to see what Christian does with those pages!

Also, Superman versus Godzilla. The rematch. We can't have the sequel series without that.

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